

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2529

Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk

February 21, 2008

An act to amend Section 4459.8 of the Government Code, relating to building standards.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2529, as introduced, Wolk. Buildings: access.

The federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the California Building Standards Code require that specified buildings, structures, and facilities be accessible to, and usable by, person with disabilities. Existing law establishes in the Department of General Services the State Architect with responsibilities relating to architectural services and state buildings. Existing law requires the State Architect to establish and publicize a program for voluntary certification by the state of any person who meets specified criteria as a certified access specialist and to require applicants for certification and renewal to pay specified fees.

This bill would require the State Architect to publish a fee schedule for these fees on the its Internet Web site.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 4459.8 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 4459.8. (a) The certification authorized by Section 4459.5 is
- 4 effective for three years from the date of initial certification and

1 expires if not renewed. The State Architect, upon consideration of
2 any factual complaints regarding the work of a certified access
3 specialist or of other relevant information, may suspend
4 certification or deny renewal of certification.

5 (b) The State Architect shall require each applicant for
6 certification as a certified access specialist to pay fees, including
7 an application and course fee and an examination fee, at a level
8 sufficient to meet the costs of application processing, registration,
9 publishing a list, and other activities that are reasonably necessary
10 to implement and administer the certified access specialist program.
11 The State Architect shall require each applicant for renewal of
12 certification to pay a fee sufficient to cover the reasonable costs
13 of reassessing qualifications of renewal applicants. *The State*
14 *Architect shall publish a fee schedule of all of these fees on its*
15 *Internet Web site.*

16 (c) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be deposited
17 into the Certified Access Specialist Fund, which is hereby created
18 in the State Treasury. Notwithstanding Section 13340, this fund
19 is continuously appropriated without regard to fiscal years for use
20 by the State Architect to implement Sections 4459.5 to 4459.8,
21 inclusive.